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To: State Directors - UT, NV, CA and OR
Group Manager, Rangelands, Soil and Water (WO-220, 314LS)

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Request for Assistance

At the fall Fuels Meeting, it was agreed the fuels management program needed some specific guidance for non-prescribed fire fuels treatment projects. We recognize that much of this type of direction already exists in Bureau guidance for other types of projects; however, we feel it would be more useful if the appropriate information were gathered into a central set of documents and made available to the fire and fuels management staffs.

We are requesting assistance for this project. John Shive, Utah State Office, and Butch Hayes, Nevada State Office, have already agreed to participate. Because Oregon and California have some of the most active fuels programs that use non-fire or combination type fuels treatments, we would like to have at least one Field Office level person from each of those two states to participate in the group to develop the initial guidance. We are also requesting the assistance of someone from the WO-220 staff.

We would like to have a working meeting the week of January 15, 2002, to draft the initial guidance. The meeting will be at the Office of Fire and Aviation in Boise, ID. We anticipate that any work after this initial meeting could be accomplished at the individual home units and would be limited to reviews and revisions. The intent is to develop the initial guidance and issue it as a draft for the balance of FY02. In FY03 it would be revised as needed and incorporated into a new "Fuels Management Handbook."

The lead for this effort will be Al Carriere, Office of Fire and Aviation Planning and Resources staff. He can be contacted at 208-387-5168. Please advise him if you have someone who can assist in this effort.

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